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PART 13

TRANSPORTATION OF DEAD BODIES

(Statutory authority: Public Health Law, § 225)

Section 13.1 Transportation of dead bodies by common carriers. The transportation of dead human bodies by common carriers shall be conducted in such manner as not to be a menace to health and shall conform to the following requirements:

(a) [Transit permit and label required.] A transit permit and transit label issued by the local registrar of vital statistics must accompany each dead body transported by a common carrier.

(1) The transit permit shall state the date of issuance, the name, sex, race and age of the deceased, and the cause and date of death. The transit permit shall also state the date and route of shipment, the point of shipment and destination, the method of preparation of the body, and shall bear the signature of the undertaker, and the signature and official title of the officer issuing the permit.

(2) The transit label shall state the date of issuance, the name of the deceased, the place and date of death, the name of the escort or consignee, the point of shipment and destination, and shall bear the signature and official title of the officer who issued the transit permit. The transit label shall be attached to the outer box or case.

(b) Transportation of bodies dead of other than enumerated diseases. The transportation by common carriers of bodies dead of any diseases other than those mentioned in subdivision (c) below shall be permitted only under the following conditions:

(1) The body shall be encased in a sealed metal transfer shipping case or in a coffin or casket. The coffin or casket shall be encased in a strong outer box made of good sound fumber, not less than seven eighths of an inch thick, except that, when shipment is made by air, the coffin or casket may be encased in a sturdy plywood outer box designed specifically for the purpose. All box joints shall be securely put together and the box tightly closed. Either the coffin or casket, or the outer box or case, shall be watertight. Every outer wooden box holding any dead body offered for transportation by common carrier shall bear at least four handles and when over five feet six inches in length shall bear six handles.

(2) When the destination cannot be reached within 60 hours after death, all body orifices shall be closed with absorbent cotton and the body placed at once in a coffin or casket which shall be immediately closed and the coffin or casket shall be prepared as indicated in paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

(c) The transportation by common carrier of bodies dead of smallpox, plague, Asiatic cholera, typhus fever, diphtheria (membranous croup, diphtheritic sore throat), scarlet fever (scarlet rash, scarlatina), shall be permitted only under the following conditions:

(1) All body orifices shall be closed with absorbent cutton, the body shall be enveloped in a sheet saturated with an effective disinfecting fluid and shall be placed at once in a coffin which shall be immediately and permanently closed. The coffin or casket shall be prepared as indicated in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of this section.

(d) [Restrictions on disinterment.] (1) No dead bodies shall be disinterred for transportation by common carrier, or for removal to another cemetery in the same registration district, or in another district, but not requiring shipment by common carrier, without the previous consent of authorities having jurisdiction at the place of dis-

(2) The undertaker shall make a request to disinter the body on a form provided for the purpose. This form shall provide for a statement of principal facts concerning the decedent, whether body is to be transported by common carrier or otherwise and final disposition of same. Upon receipt of such request the local registrar shall issue a transit permit and transit label as required by subdivision (a) and the provisions of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) shall apply.

(e) [Exceptions.] Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, dead human bodies, prepared for shipment by the War Department of the United States in accordance with the repatriation program, may be accepted by common carriers for shipment to places designated by that department. Under the authority of a basic health permit issued by the War Department the registrar of vital statistics of the district to which such a dead human body has been transported shall issue a permit for the burial, removal or other disposition of the dead body. The permit shall be made out as completely as possible on the basis of the information available.